

# **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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## **TRADE ACTION NETWORK**

### **POSITIVE CHANGE IN U.S.'S BEEF TRADING STATUS**

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The Texas Department of Agriculture commends the [World Organization for Animal Health](#) (OIE) for its recent upgrade of the United States' risk status of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) from "controlled" to "negligible." This is OIE's lowest designated risk level.

In 2012, the United States submitted an application to OIE in support of upgrading the rating. After thorough review, OIE made the status change based on hard data and sound science. In doing so, OIE affirms the safety and health of U.S. cattle. The cattle raised throughout Texas and across the nation are among the safest in the world due to the diligence of America's cattle producers. Their hard work is evident in the positive change enacted by OIE and benefits the entire cattle industry tremendously.

For more information related to the announcement, [click here](#).